Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake NAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 8, 2011 6:30pm-8:30pm Bitter Lake Community Center 13035 Linden Ave N., 98133

Attendees

NAC Members:

Fran Clifton, Gloria Butts, Philip Junkins, Richard L. Dyksterhuis, Susan Jensen

City Staff: David Goldberg (DPD), Sebhat Tenna (DON)

Schedule for Final Plan, Goals & Policies

- Moving now into presenting plan update and into implementation phase:
 - Want to have plan update available on web a couple of weeks before community meeting.
 - Getting to the point of identifying possible projects and asking for money to do them.
- David has received comments from NAC and city staff on goals and policies section.
 - Adoption will actually take a year.
- NAC member asked how the committee could see changes the city had made to the document.
 David stated so far there have been no significant changes. If substantial changes are made,
 David will highlight and bring to NAC's attention.
- At this point, NAC members will need to reach out to their organizations around projects they might take on and to steward the plan update.
 - Need to focus on bringing people who are willing to take on work of plan to next workshop.
 - Need to find a way to involve people from all areas in the Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake.

Phase 4 Meeting

- Meeting announcement has been delayed due to slow progress on pinning down a date and location
 - Meeting date is now confirmed for March 13 at Broadview-Thomson.
 - Announcement should be ready to go out the end of the week.
- Goal of the meeting will be to present priorities and get community members involved and to sign up to work on them.
 - Will break down into small pieces that the city and community can move forward on.
 - City department reps will be in attendance to provide guidance.
- NAC member stated short presentations from groups throughout the city who have been successful in getting projects done might be good. Rob Mohn of Columbia City and Cathy Tuttle of the Greenways movement would be good to have.

- Format: People who are interested in working on one of the four identified priority areas will attend facilitated discussion at the assigned table and sign up to move projects forward.
- Community building is also a part of the plan. Might focus on this to get people involved and motivated to work on projects.
 - Need a location to hold meetings on a regular basis. Suggestion that meetings can be held in restaurants/coffee shops.
 - Could rotate meetings through the three areas of Bitter Lake, Haller Lake and Broadview.
- NAC member suggested each member invite five people.

Linden Ave. Village Center

- zoning on Linden
 - North end of Linden is zoned multi-family, South end is multi-family and ground floor retail.
 - Currently is pedestrian-oriented and won't be lots/parking in front of retail.
 - Zoning is currently for 65 ft; City is interested in increasing this to 85 ft. This change will help increase density and help the community to have the business district they are looking for.
- NAC member stated staggered heights would be good as it would allow for a view corridor. David stated this was also mentioned in the original plan.
- NAC member asked about the trade-off for added height and street amenities. Need wide sidewalks for a pedestrian oriented development as envisioned by the group.
 - David stated can have wider sidewalks, plazas, art etc in the business area.
- NAC member stated landscaping should be useable, not swales.
- NAC member stated would like to see bike lanes, rather than use space for trees.
- NAC member stated concern over increased building heights related to shadows being created.
 David stated those issues would be considered. City is getting better at creating friendly, safe multi-family areas.

Wrap-up: Questions, Announcements & Next Steps

- NAC members thanked David for all of his work on the plan update and with the NAC.
- NAC member asked if the issue of a name change was ever discussed.
 - David stated the community would have to make such a change, not the city or the NAC.
 - David stated the issue of urban village borders was addressed in the plan. The cemetery will be removed from the urban village area. Area along Stone Ave will be added, as well as L-3 multifamily zoned area along 130th.
- Thomas Whittemore of DON reported on the new leadership training program through DON, Peoples Academy for Community Engagement (PACE).
 - Send nominees to Wendy Watson at DON. Goal is to have 30 students looking for two per district.
- Sebhat asked when NAC members would like to have their final meeting (as City staff will be at the Rainier Beach's community meeting for the regular 2nd Wednesday NAC schedule) and what members would like to do at the meeting. NAC decided to discuss and make decision via e-mail.